

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to cancel claims to the non-elected invention, and to place the elected claims in proper U.S. format with corrected multiple dependencies. Specifically, non-elected claims 1-9, 13-16 and 18-21 have been cancelled without prejudice to applicants' rights to pursue the subject matter thereof in one or more divisional applications. Claim 17 has been amended to remove the dependency on non-elected claims 1-7, and to remove the dependency on claim 12, which is elected but itself a multiple defendant claim. New claim 22 has been added, which is identical to amended claim 17 except dependent on claim 12.

The claims presently remaining in this application are directed to the elected invention, and no new matter has been added. Entry of these amendments is therefore believed to be in order and is respectfully requested. Following entry of these amendments, claims 11-12, 17 and 22 are pending in this application.

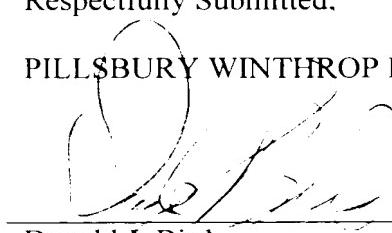
An early examination on the merits is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9, 13-16 and 18-21, have been cancelled without prejudice or abandonment of the subject matter thereof.

Claim 17 has been amended as follows:

17. (Amended) A diagnostic assay for the detection of ZGGBP1, which assay comprises measuring the presence or absence of a protein as claimed in claims 10-11[12 or a polynucleotide as claimed in claims 1-7].

New claim 22 has been added.